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SUBJ: AD HOC COMITE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM - SUB-COMITE TO STUDY DEFINITION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

- 1. SINCE SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR SURVEY OF WORK BEING DONE IN UN ORGANS RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST INNOCENT PERSONS OR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS (MENTIONED SEPTEL) OBVIOUSLY RAISED QUESTIONS AS TO SCOPE OF WORK OF UN TERRORISM COMITE, DELOFF APPROACHED BJORK (SWEDEN) AFTER MEETING TO FIND OUT WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. FREELAND (UK), WANG (CANADA) AND SECRETARIAT DID LIKEWISE.
- 2. SECRETARIAT MAINTAINED THEY COULD NOT UNDERTAKE STUDY UNLESS THEY RECEIVED SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FROM COMITE CLARIFYING AMONG OTHER THINGS WHAT SCOPE OF AD HOC COMITE'S MANDATE WAS. BJORK THEN READ TEXT WHICH STATED "ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENTS"" CURRENTLY BEFORE OTHER BODIES.
- 3. IN ENSUING CONFUSION DELOFF AND FREELAND OBTAINED BJORK'S AGREEMENT WORDING HAD TO BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY AND HASTE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT NEEDED. SECRETARIAT HELPFULLY AGREED THAT ONLY DECISION

SUB-COMITE HAD TAKEN WAS THAT IT WOULD IN PRINCIPLE BE USEFUL TO RECOMMEND GA REQUEST A STUDY OF OTHER UN BODIES ACTIVE IN THE FIELD.

- 4. BJORK AGREED TO DISCUSS FORMULATION OF HIS PROPOSAL IN WESTERN GROUP TOMORROW.
- 5. DELOFF AND FREELAND LATER HAD LENGTHY ARGUMENT WITH WANG SEEKING TO EXPLAIN EXTREMELY HARMFUL EFFECTS OF WEST ACQUIESCING IN NOTION THAT STATE ACTS COMPREHENDED BY TERM "INT'L TERRORISM," WE POINTED OUT ONCE AFRO-ASIANS HAD WEST ON RECORD AS HAVING ACCEPTED THAT NOTION THEY WOULD IMMEDIATELY TURN EXERCISE INTO VEHICLE FOR ADOPTING RESES ON MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, BOMBING, NAPALM, ETC. WANG SEEMED ONLY PARTIALLY CONVINCED. WE HOPE BE ABLE MOVE HIM FURTHER IN WEO GROUP MEETING.
- 6. ABOVE UNDERSCORES OUR FEARS THAT AD HOC COMITE COULD EASILY TURN INTO SOMETHING FAR WORSE THAN USELESS.
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